

Juvenile Justice Improvement Committee  
Judicial Conference of Indiana

**Minutes**  
February 2, 2001

The Juvenile Justice Improvement Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana met at the Indiana Judicial Center on Friday, February 2, 2001, from 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m.

1. Members present. Christopher L. Burnham; Mary R. Harper; James R. Heuer; Lynn Murray; James W. Payne; Daniel L. Pflum; Julian L. Ridlen; Magistrate R. Paulette Stagg; Frank Sullivan; Viola J. Taliaferro; and Stephen M. Sims, Chair.
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz and Anne Jordan provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Guests present. Mr. John Newman and Tom Jones, State Court Administrator's Office; Mr. Robert Champion; and Mr. Eric Vermeulen were also present.
4. Minutes. The minutes for the meeting of the committee on January 5, 2001 were approved.
5. JTAC. Justice Sullivan reported the Judicial Technology and Automation Committee (JTAC) received over \$7 million dollars from the State Budget Agency for their budget. The committee is working on the equitable distribution of funds if appropriated by the General Assembly.
6. FSSA.
  - a. Eric Vermeulen made a presentation about the payment of secure detention costs for children. He reported that Mr. Hmurovich distributed language from the last meeting to all local OFC directors. Their survey indicated a \$5 million dollar increase in monies was needed for the Family and Children's fund statewide. Mr. Hmurovich decided to remove all legislation dealing with payment for secure detention, including HB 2032 and the portion of HB 1003 containing the committee's language from consideration by the legislature.
  - b. The committee members agreed to write a letter to Ms. Katie Humphries, Director, FSSA and Ms. Evelyn Ridley-Turner, Commissioner, DOC to discuss their concerns in this area to the March meeting of the committee. Mr. Vermeulen agreed to prepare a list of secure facilities that should not be funded by the Family and Children's Fund. In addition, he agreed to prepare a list of the amounts in each county required by the Family and Children's fund in order to pay for services for delinquents under the language in HB 2032 as indicated in the survey above.
  - c. Anne Jordan reported she is working with Ms. Tricia Blender, FSSA on the statewide assessment of county OFC services required by the federal government.
  - d. Anne Jordan distributed a memorandum from IARCCA about the expansion of the Medicaid Rehabilitation Option for a broader use of Medicaid monies.

7. Interstate Compact. Mr. Champion distributed the rules, regulations and forms for use with the Interstate Compact on Juveniles to members of the committee. He discussed transfer procedures for juveniles and the overlap with the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children.

8. Retention schedules. The committee discussed revisions to retention schedules for juvenile records. The committee agreed by consensus that as new event occurs for a juvenile, a new case number should be opened. They also agreed that when a juvenile is waived, or the case is directly filed in adult court, the records of that case only go the adult court, and the previous juvenile court record stays in the juvenile court.

9. Recent legislation. The committee members discussed Senate Bills 97, 247, 251 and 368 and House Bills 1012, 1020, 1065, 1084, 1221, 1242, 1259, 1426, 1442, 1641, 1891, 1893, 2000, 2056, 2086, and 2140.

10. Next meeting dates. The committee agreed to meet again on the following dates: Friday, March 2, 2001, May 4, 2001, June 1, 2001, from 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m. and Wednesday, September 12, 2001 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon in conjunction with the judicial conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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